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For: USE OF REINFORCED FOAM IMPLANTS
WITH ENHANCED INTEGRITY FOR SOFT
TISSUE REPAIR AND REGENERATION

Examiner: L. Di Nola Baron

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2003 and is timely. Applicant hereby requests a one month time extension to respond to this office action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should be filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 22956-74.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.